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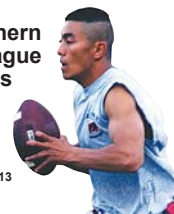
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Around The Army**Germany:**

The European Stars and Stripes reported Sept. 30 that the Land Combat Expo 2004 in Heidelberg displayed dozens of booths with futuristic uniforms, the latest ideas on Meals, Ready to Eat and other items needed by Soldiers on the battlefield.

For more about this story and other U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Washington:

The Pentagon reported Sept. 24 that a ceremony Sept. 15 at Fort Myer's Summerall Field marked the activation of Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region.

The new command is an outgrowth of Sept. 11, 2001. The terrorist attack on the Pentagon underscored the need for all of the services and law enforcement agencies to work together.

The command will be housed in a new operations center at Fort McNair. The various services have all worked together over the years in largely ceremonial tasks, but Sept. 11 made it necessary for all the branches to cooperate and coordinate their actions to fight a war.

For more on this story and other Army and Fort Myers news, visit www.armypentagon.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

Inside the Turret reported Sept. 30 that residents of Fort Knox housing could cast their vote for area mayors Sept. 27-30. Nine candidates were listed, each for a different housing area. Housing areas not listed in the Turret did not have candidates at press time. Space for write-in candidates was included on ballots and candidates were urged to volunteer. Housing area residents, including the military sponsor and spouse, were eligible to serve as mayors.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thewarcenterprise.com on the Web.

Iraq:

Two 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division Soldiers have been charged in the wrongful death of an Iraqi citizen.

Staff Sgt. Cardenas J. Alban, 29, Carson, Calif., an infantryman with Company C, joined the Army in April 1997. He came to Fort Riley in December 1997.

Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Horne Jr., 30, of Winston-Salem, N.C., also is an infantryman with Company C. He joined the Army in September 1999 and arrived at Fort Riley in April 2003.

Both Soldiers deployed with Task Force 1-41 in June 2004. They had a previous rotation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Two other 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, Soldiers were charged previously in a separate incident with wrongfully killing three Iraqis.

The Task Force is assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division deployed to Iraq from Fort Hood, Texas.



Post/Bender
Spc. Albert Bruce, 101st Forward Support Battalion, kisses his wife, Brandi, for the first time in a year at the Welcome Home Ceremony Sept. 23.

More Riley units return

Last group of 1st Brigade Combat Team home soon

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

The past two weeks saw the majority of the Devil Brigade return from a year-long deployment to Iraq.

The "Welcome Home" ceremonies for Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division,

filled Marshall Army Air Field's Hangar 817 at all hours of the day and night.

Families and friends painted banners and signs and wore special clothes to welcome their Soldiers home. They stood, applauded and shouted as the Soldiers filed into the hangar.

While the ceremonies were brief, lasting only three to five minutes, families appeared anxious during that short time, waiting to embrace their loved ones.

The Soldiers stood in formation. Observers could see them trying to find their families in the crowds.

Welcoming the Soldiers home during the last week of their arrival, Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, said he was reminded of the National Anthem as the Soldiers come

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Cavalry charge

Units battle for national recognition

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

About 50 horseback riders saddled up this past weekend at the former home of the Army's cavalry school for a national competition of speed, skill and strategy.

The riders battled for blue ribbons at the third annual National Cavalry Competition Sept. 24-26 — the first time Fort Riley has hosted the event.

"It went real well. The local crowd has been very excited about it, and the post has been just great to work with," said Jeff Maahs, event chairman.

One group of cavalry re-enactors, Custer's Michigan Cavalry Brigade, enjoyed the friendliness of local personnel, said member Thomas Tierney.

"We've enjoyed the hospitality of the Fort Riley Soldiers. The staff, everybody's been wonderful. We've actually had a lot of visitations in the camp from a lot of the local Soldiers, and that's been really nice," he said.

The Michigan brigade has been a part of the competition since its debut. Two of its 12 members won several awards, and the entire brigade won its first platoon drill competition.

"We hoped to win this year, but you never expect to," Tierney said. "It feels real good."

This year's competition was more difficult than in previous years, Tierney said.

"I think this year's been tougher than the past two years. I know we've all gotten better, but so has the competition," he said. Josh Connors with the Fort Carson Color Guard agreed.

"There was tougher competition. Most of the jumps last year were a half-inch lower and some of the courses were set up

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Post/Blackmon
Spc. Ronald Wilson competes in the Director's Cup after placing third in Level III Mounted Saber competition at the U.S. Cavalry Association's national competition at Fort Riley Sept. 23-26.

Post to alter network domain

Computer system switch imminent

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Post computer specialists plan to test a new networking structure in mid-October in preparation for converting more than 4,000 computers at Fort Riley to a new "Active Directory" configuration.

The computer network change must be completed by Dec. 31, when Microsoft discontinues support for machines loaded with Windows NT 4.0, said Anita Case, one of the specialists with Fort Riley's Directorate of Information Management involved with the change.

If the test pilot program executes correctly for a selected number of computers on post, DOI will begin adding other computers to the "Active Directory" network on a schedule of at least 50 computers each day, Case said.

However, before a computer can be added to the new network, it must be loaded with Windows 2000 or XP, and that upgrade is under way.

Information Management Officers for post organizations and activities have been asked to provide dates when the change to the new networking structure could be done for their computers.

IMOs will be notified when their organizations' computers will be changed so that computer users will know what is happening and what to expect when they show up for work the next day, Case said.

When the change takes place, users must ensure their machines are on and connected to the cur-

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7 year old lives his dream for entire day

Soldiers open arms to boy with leukemia

By Gary Skidmore
Command Info. Officer

Seven-year-old Phillip Shriver has a new guardian angel. It's a little bear angel with red, white and blue wings — wearing a helmet.

Shriver, who suffers a life-threatening illness — leukemia, received the memento from 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, Command Sgt. Maj. James Savitski, during the boy's visit to Fort Riley Sept. 20.

Shriver spent the day living his dream of being a Soldier — if only for a day. Fort Riley and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas granted Shriver's wish.

Savitski said he received the bear from his daughter Michelle while he was deployed to Iraq with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

"We (the battalion) had planned on presenting Phillip with

something from the battalion so he could remember his time he spent with the unit," Savitski said. What the unit had was a very nice memento, but "it wasn't very personal in my view," the battalion's top noncommissioned officer said.

Savitski said he looked all over his home for something that was more meaningful, more personal until he found what he considered

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Post/Skidmore
Young Phillip Shriver, a 7-year-old boy with leukemia, salutes during a day he spent at Fort Riley living the life of a Soldier — something he said he has always wanted to do.



Post news in brief

McPhee picked for first star

Col. Richard R. McPhee, assistant division commander (forward), 24th Infantry Division (Mech), and deputy commander (south), First U.S. Army, at Fort Jackson, S.C., has been nominated for promotion to brigadier general. McPhee previously served as chief of staff, 24th Inf. Div. at Fort Riley.

AUSA to host meeting, picnic

The Fort Riley Central Kansas Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will host a general membership meeting and picnic at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at Moon Lake, Fort Riley. Guest speaker will be retired Col. John Davies, the AUSA national representative. Davies will update members on AUSA programs and issues coming before the national meeting in October in Washington, D.C.

School sets self-help dates

The Public Works Self-Help School will conduct classes for unit self-help personnel Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. The course is taught from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 307 in conjunction with Barton County Community College and provides Soldiers the opportunity to obtain advanced education credits.

The revised Fort Riley regulation requires a self-help card for personnel to be able to pick-up materials or to call in priority two and three service orders. Two-hour classes are offered to enable civilians and noncommissioned officers in grades E-7 and above to obtain a card. The next class for that will be at 9 a.m., Nov. 23 in Building 307.

The self-help course incorporates the installation's energy conservation class, which is taught at 1 p.m. on Thursdays during the self-help class. Energy awareness officers and NCOs do not need to attend the whole self-help class in order to attend their mandatory energy conservation class.

To enroll in the week-long self-help class, an on-post school request must be submitted to the school.

To enroll in the Energy Con-

servation Class or the two-hour class for civilians and senior NCOs seeking a self-help card, a memorandum must be submitted to the school. It can be e-mailed to kozlowski@riley.army.mil.

An enrollment form for any of the classes can be faxed to 239-8188, ATTN: Ed, Self-Help School, or they can be dropped off at Building 307.

For more information, contact Ed Kozlowski at 239-3757 or visit the Public Works Web site on the Intranet.

Mail classes scheduled

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in building 319. Pre-enrollment is required. To enroll, call 239-5411.

Prospective unit mail clerks must have at least an Interim secret clearance and have completed 20 days on-the-job training before attending class.

An Official Mail training class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15 at building 319.

Each unit or activity must have a primary and alternate official mail manager. Training requirements include: Private Express Statutes, Non-Mailable Material, Classifications of Mail, Special Postal Services, International Mail, Postage and Fees, Penalties for Private Use, Protection of Mail, Mail Surveys, Addressing Mail and Cost Saving Methods.

Pre-enrollment is required. To enroll or for more information, call 239-5411 or 239-5200.

Other class dates are scheduled for Oct. 22 and Dec. 10.

'In Step' times change on CBS

Programming conflicts with CBS will change the time "In Step with Fort Riley" airs on some Sundays through Dec. 19. Instead of its normally scheduled slot of 7 a.m., the show will air at the following times and dates:

The Oct. 17 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 16.

The Dec. 5 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 4.

The Dec. 12 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 11.

The Dec. 19 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 18.

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home, "especially the part about the home of the free and the brave," he said. "We are standing in the land of the free and these are the brave."

At each ceremony, after thanking the Soldiers and their families for their sacrifices, Hardy dismissed the Soldiers to rejoin their families. The mad dash from the hangar floor and the aluminum bleachers and chairs ended with Soldiers and family members hugging and kissing.

Sgt. John Warnock said the hardest part of being away was missing his daughter, Brianna, and his 5-month-old son, Tyler. Being able to communicate with his family during the separation helped the Warnocks cope. "I called once a week and sent e-

mails as I could," Warnock said.

"Having lots of pictures helped," he said.

Kay Warnock said worrying about her husband was one of the most difficult things for her to cope with.

"Talking to him on the phone helped," she agreed. "Also having the (Family Readiness Group) and my church helped so much."

As reunited families filed out, taking their Soldiers home, the hangar quieted down. The banners still hung on the walls waiting to welcome the next group of Soldiers home.

A trail party with the last members of the 1st Brigade Combat Team to leave Iraq will arrive in early October to bring the brigade to full strength.



Sgt. John Warnock, 1st Eng. Bn., hugs his daughter, Brianna, for the first time in a year. He was deployed to Iraq with the 1st Bde., 1st Inf. Div., and returned to Fort Riley last week.

Post/Bender

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Ryan Thomas aims at a balloon target in the Mounted Pistol event at the National Cavalry Competition hosted by Fort Riley Sept. 23-26. Thomas was named overall winner for the four-day event.

Post/Blackmon

Riley unit captures awards

New mounted color guard commander places second, third

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Fort Riley snagged 15 of the National Cavalry Competition's 50 awards last weekend.

The eight participating members of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard won 13 awards, including the Military Horse Award given to the outstanding active duty unit participating.

The color guard's new commander, Capt. Cayla Slusher, took over Sept. 29 and placed second in level II jumping and third in level III military equitation.

Sgt. Ryan Thomas of Movable, Iowa, was named overall winner of the competition. He also won first in the level III mounted saber and jumping competitions.

"I knew I had a shot at winning and most of that had to do with the horse match up," Thomas said.

Stonewall has been Thomas' horse for 16 months. Having a good horse-rider relationship is very important, he said.

"If you go out there with a horse that's not going to listen to you or a horse that doesn't trust you, you're not going to get him to do as much as a horse that trusts you and will do anything for you," he said. "I don't think there's much that I can ask of Stonewall that he won't do for me."

Not every Soldier in the unit had time to establish a bond with his horse. After injuries to Victory two weeks earlier and Jicote the day before the competition, Spc.

Matthew Hutzenbiller of Belfield, N.D., rode Trooper, a horse he hadn't trained with.

"It takes time to get used to a horse, to get in sync with him and the way he runs. Unfortunately, I didn't have that time," Hutzenbiller said.

Despite the lack of training time together, Trooper and Hutzenbiller took second in the level III jumping competition and sixth overall.

"I was real surprised how well Trooper and I did. We seemed to work well together, despite not working as a team for that long," Hutzenbiller said.

Spec. Luis Rascon of Cortez, Colo., has ridden his horse, Traveler, for three months. He said he's had a chance to get to know his horse somewhat, but was still

surprised when he took first in level II jumping and third in level II mounted pistol.

"You have to know Traveler's tricks and the way he acts. You have to get used to the way he is on certain days. You have to change with him," he said. "While he's the only horse I've ridden, I wasn't really expecting to win anything. So I was pretty excited when they called my name to get the prize."

Overall, the Fort Riley unit fared well, Thomas said.

"We didn't have the chance to train as much as we'd have liked to, but we've been doing this type of stuff for a long time. We didn't have to focus near as hard as the other military units. Our horses have been doing this stuff for awhile now," he said.

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differently. We didn't do as well as we did last year," he said.

In just its third year, Maahs said the competition has some bugs to be ironed out.

"Every year we do tweak it a bit. We ask the competitors what they do and don't like. It's an evolution. As we grow, we mold this thing into what's good for the organization," he said.

Winners

Level I (Beginner) – Basic riding and equitation skills, including jumps up to one foot, six inches; basic skills with saber and pistol.

Level II (Novice) – Intermediate riding and equitation skills, including intermediate schooling level skills over fences up to two foot, six inches; use of arms at gaits above a trot.

Level III (Advanced) – Advanced riding and equitation skills, including jumps over three feet, advanced level of competitive skills with arms.

Mounted Saber

Level I – Peter Czarnowski, Lancaster, Calif.

Level II – Adam Hawks, CGMCG, Fort Riley

Level III – Ryan Thomas, CGMCG, Fort Riley

Mounted Pistol

Level I – James Hannah, Petersburg, Tenn.

Level II – Jeffrey Wall, Lake Hughes, Calif.

Level III – Randy Myers, Lake George, Colo.

Military Equitation

Level I – Daniel Lister, CGMCG, Fort Riley

Level II – Wall

Level II – Dick Ross, La Jara, Colo.

Jumping

Level I – Czarnowski

Level II – Luis Rascon, CGMCG, Fort Riley

Level III – Thomas

Platoon Drill

Michigan Cavalry Brigade

Director's Cup

Randy Myers

Overall winner

Ryan Thomas



Post/Blackmon

Randy Myers attacks a straw dummy using his saber. Myers won the Director's Cup at the National Cavalry Competition at Fort Riley Sept. 23-26.



Post/Blackmon

Part of Custer's Michigan Cavalry Brigade conducts a cavalry charge with sabers drawn.



Post/Blackmon

Jane St. John of Custer's Michigan Cavalry Brigade loads her gun during Director's Cup competition Sept. 25. She was one of five women entered in the National Cavalry Competition.

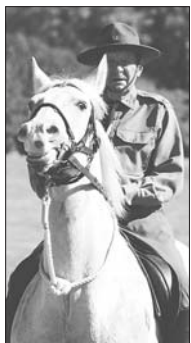
By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

The trooper fired his pistol at the target, hitting his intended mark, but Snowdrift whirled into a circular spin with a little two-hoof buck to show his displeasure.

Sitting deep in his cavalry saddle with his circa 1914 Teitzel-Jones brown, three-buckle, cavalry boots planted firmly in the steel stirrups and his cavalry spurs nudging Snowdrift back into respectable behavior, Donovan Ketzler focused his attention on his next target.

"Get on with ya. Damn mule!" he called out as he pulled the reins on the original Army bridle he was issued in late 1942 while attending cavalry basic training at Fort Riley. The Army emblem still adorns the bridle's side. Ketzler had even "branded" a "US," representing government issue, on Snowdrift's white shoulder using a black marker.

Snowdrift and Ketzler teamed together to finish their "run" in the National Cavalry Competition's pistol event at Fort Riley Sept. 24 without further incident. The oldest competitor on horseback, his chin strap tucked tightly under his jaw to keep his hat in



Post/Hardesty

Donovan Ketzler, 80, sits astride his horse Snowdrift.

place and the wrinkles on his well-tanned face chiseling deeper when he smiled, was happy with his time.

"I had never shot a pistol off the back of Snowdrift before," the 80-year-old said, though he called his white gelding by several other

names over the course of the four-day competition. His time of 60 seconds wasn't as important as "hitting all of his shots and finishing the course."

Ketzler decked himself out in his World War I era olive drab wool uniform with major insignia pinned on his lapels and his original Troop B unit crest donning his cavalry hat.

Ketzler said he had planned to demonstrate more of his cavalrymanhood from the old days during the four-day competition. He had entered three of the four events but said arthritis in his knee pained him after riding in the opening ceremony and led him to pull his name from every event except the pistol competition.

His cavalrymanhood goes back to when he was 12 years old growing up in Omaha, Neb. "I learned to ride from troopers when I would go to Fort Omaha, then learned to jump horses with them at Council Bluffs, Iowa," he said.

"So, I was pretty well versed in cavalry drill and customs before I earned my spurs in '42" at 18 years old, he said.

Once he entered the noncommissioned officers corps, Ketzler said Capt. Roy H. Barnes, his company commander, made all the "non-coms" carry an aspirin

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Post news in brief

School district needs forms

Parents of students in Geary County USD 475 are advised that the district distributed Federal Impact Aid Survey forms Sept. 20 for students attending the public schools in Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza.

The survey forms were sent home with elementary students. The forms will be mailed to the parents of middle and high school students. Parents are asked to complete, sign and return the forms as soon as possible.

The purpose of the Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms is to provide an official verification and record of all students whose parents are federally connected on Sept. 20, the district's official enrollment counting date. These forms are an important part of the district's financial support because slightly more than 50 percent of the students in USD 475 have parents on active duty status at Fort Riley.

Custer House sets upgrade

The Custer House will not be available for tours from Oct. 4 to Feb. 1, 2005, due to planned renovations. The U.S. Cavalry Museum and the Fort Riley Regimental Museum will still be available for self-guided tours.

The U.S. Cavalry Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday noon to 4 p.m. The Fort Riley Regimental Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

For information, call 239-2737.

Soldier support limited awhile

Because of world affairs, Fort Riley's community support is extremely limited. Until about Feb. 1, 2005, community members may not receive Fort Riley support for color guards and requests for military equipment.

Fort Riley will continue to support requests for the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, on-post tours and speakers.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 239-3033.

Support center sets classes

Several classes have been scheduled at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264 on Custer Hill, to help Soldiers and their families. Classes include:

Suicide Awareness for Family Members from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 6.

The primary goal of this class is to inform, educate and prepare Family Readiness Group advisors, leaders and concerned community members to recognize and assist others in their community who may be at risk of suicide.

Free childcare will be available for FRG volunteers only. Sign-in will begin 30 minutes before the class. Parents must bring their child's shot records.

For information on classes, call Sonya Brown, Family Readiness Center Coordinator, at 239-9435.

Heating turn-on announced

Heating will be turned on beginning Oct. 12, starting with barracks, BQs and BEQs. The 8000 area will get heat next, followed by community buildings, administrative buildings, dining facilities and motor pools.

Family housing occupants control their own heating and air conditioning. The authorized temperature for the heating season is 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit.



19th PAD/Tamez
Soldiers of the 295th Ordnance Company aim at a suspicious person running for cover during MOUT training September 16.

Reserve units learn to 'clear' enemy from urban situation

By James Tamez

19th PAD

They entered the building cautiously, knowing that the snipers who had fired on them when they entered the area were still there, waiting for the opportunity to kill U.S. Soldiers.

Knowing that danger could be around any corner, the Soldiers moved quickly and efficiently through the rooms, preparing themselves for the inevitable confrontation.

On Sept. 16, it was just training. But it was tough, realistic training for Soldiers of the 445th Transportation Company, a reserve unit from Iowa, and the 295th Ordnance Company from Nebraska. Both units took part in platoon sized exercises at Camp Forsyth to train them how to conduct Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain, something the Soldiers might face when the deploy to Iraq.

The purpose of this training is to prepare these units for possible situations they may face in Iraq," said Maj. Brian Wood, exercise director for Task Force Dependable, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support).

Wood said the training had to be tough and realistic, so trainers put the Soldiers in a confusing and dangerous site facing seasoned Soldiers playing hostile insurgents.

Site resembles small village

"The MOUT site (at Camp Forsyth) has been set up as a small village where Soldiers will work through multiple scenarios," Wood said. "In this scenario, the Soldiers enter the area under sniper fire. Also, there are non-combatants in the village."

Wood said having non-combatants in the village adds another level of difficulty and realism to the training. The Soldiers are placed in an environment where the lines between civilians and combatants are blurred.

To make things even more realistic, all Soldiers, insurgents and non-combatants wore Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System gear to simulate live fire. When a laser struck a sensor on the gear, a buzzer went off to signify the person had been shot, perhaps fatally.

"The most critical part of train-

ing is being able to react in an urban area," Wood said. "They have to be able to communicate information with other members of the unit and identify enemy locations in civilian areas."

While some Soldiers secured the outer perimeter of the village, the rest moved in cautiously, peering around building corners and attempting to assess the situation. "Earlier in training we were told that urban areas are chaotic and noisy," said Staff Sgt. Daymon Smith of the 445th Trans. Co. "We have to be alert and visually scanning because we won't always be able to hear exactly where the shots were fired from."

The noncombatants were walking around the village pointing and yelling. Some walked toward the Soldiers. Others ran away and out of sight.

Noncombatants add real life element

Just like real life, these Soldiers didn't know who the enemy combatants were or where they were, Wood said.

Just then, snipers opened fire from the second floor of a nearby building. A yell rang out, telling the location of the sniper fire as Soldiers sought cover. Someone tossed an M-18 colored smoke grenade to provide concealment and an M249 light machine gun opened fire on the window, providing cover fire as the Soldiers ran out of the snipers' range.

"Now the Soldiers will clear the building," said Wood, as they opened the door and entered. "They will go through each room and search for the snipers."

After about a minute, gunfire could be heard as the Soldiers successfully cleared the building. The roaming civilians were escorted out of the combat zone and the rest of the buildings were searched.

"These guys have done a real good job acting and making this realistic," Smith said. "This has been some good training."

"We want to make sure these Soldiers know how to act and how to establish control in an urban setting," Wood said.

"This urban operations training is a good opportunity to learn what to look for," Smith said. "It's also good because we will have the confidence of knowing what to do if we find ourselves in a similar situation."

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rent network, she said.

The network change done by DOIM specialists will affect only computers of active duty organizations, Case said. Reserve and National Guard units on Fort Riley will be switching according to guidance provided by their own command headquarters.

The only change users should experience will be the use of their Army Knowledge Online user name instead of their current Fort Riley network user name.

For example, an employee at Fort Riley with the last-name-first-initial-middle-initial user name of Lastnamefm would be prompted on the first day to enter his or her AKO user name of first-name.lastname, Case explained.

Users will enter the same password they have been using to access the current Fort Riley network, not their AKO password, she added.

Everyone in the Army, including Soldiers and civilian employees are required to have an AKO account and password, said Canaveral James, another member of the DOIM Active Directory Working Group.

Fort Riley users might also be prompted to enter a domain name on the first day after the network change has been made to their computer.

The name NANW should show on the computer monitor as the

default domain. If it does not appear, the user can select that domain from a pull-down menu.

Once the new log-on process is completed, users should find their desktop icons, e-mail profiles and Internet Explorer favorites will be just as they were the day before, Case said. If not, the user should contact the organization's IMO to remedy the situation, she said.

"As long as users do not attempt to change anything themselves, they will not lose any data," Case assured.

NANW is the new Continental U.S. Army network domain for the Northwest Region.

Changing the networking structure will add Fort Riley users to the same computer network as virtually everybody else in the Continental U.S. Army, Case said.

The new "Active Directory" networking also allows computer systems managers more flexibility in controlling computer operations in the Army, James said.

It also allows systems managers to "lock down and tighten up computer operations" will improve system security," he said.

Connection to the NANW domain will help computer systems managers eliminate many known security vulnerabilities, help ensure operability with other Department of Defense services and decrease the cost of operations, Case said.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Besides your family, what did you miss most while stationed in Kuwait, Iraq or Afghanistan?



"I missed my car (a Roush Industries Ford Mustang). Driving it is a good pastime."

Spc. Mike Bobrinitz
HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.
Home: St Louis, Mo.



"Ice fishing. It is something I enjoy and it gets my mind off current events."

Pvt. Robert Carrough
Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.
Home: Sergeant Bluff, Iowa



"I missed green grass, trees, all vegetation because there is none over there in Iraq."

1st Lt. Terence Kelley
Svc. Btry, 1st Bn., 5th FA
Home: Glenview, Ill.



"Everything! Besides my family, I missed being home, being on a military installation and being able to have days off work."

Sgt. James Regester
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor
Home: Miami, Fla.



"I missed everyday life. I missed being able to go out and do what you want and having time off away from work."

Staff Sgt. Donald Sanford
Co. B, 1st Bn., 13th Armor
Home: Shelby, Mo.

Next week's question:

What have you enjoyed most about Fort Riley's Open House and Apple Days, and what would you like to see the post offer at future open houses and Apple Days?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

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By Mike Cook

Chief, Post Fire Department

One of the country's worst urban fires was "The Great Chicago Fire" that started on Oct. 8, 1871, and lasted for 27 hours. The worst of the fire occurred on Oct. 9. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

The origin of the fire has never been determined, but there have been many speculations about how it began. One popular belief is that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow, Bessie, when it kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary barn on fire and starting the fire.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the International Fire Marshal's Association sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922 National Fire Prevention Week has been observed during the week in which Oct. 9 falls.

The president of the United States has signed a proclamation pronouncing a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Soldiers, families and civilians need to do their part in making Fort Riley a safe place to live and work. Everyone needs to inspect their areas and take the measures necessary to prevent fires in the quarters and where they work.

Since the beginning of the



Mike Cook

year, the post has had five kitchen fires in family quarters and all of these fires were caused by family members leaving the kitchen while cooking food. It does not take long for

grease or other material to overheat and catch fire. Additionally, the situation can become worse by attempting to put a grease fire out with water. Water actually causes the fire to spread."

Luckily this year we have not had anyone hurt due to kitchen fires.

In the event you do have a kitchen fire, call 911 first. Then, if it is safe to do so, turn off the stove, cover the pan, and then evacuate the quarters.

The best action a family can take in preventing kitchen fires is to never leave cooking food unattended.

Check areas for hazards

Family housing residents as well as units, agencies and Soldiers living in the barracks need to look at checking their areas and removing any fire hazards. They also need to eliminate any unsafe procedures, such as melting shoe polish.

All family quarters on post have smoke detectors, and they should be tested monthly. Residents can check their detectors by pressing the little red button,

which should sound the audible alarm. If the alarm on the detector does not sound, immediately notify the Family Housing Service Order Desk at 784-2599.

The detectors in barracks and administrative areas work differently and are not designed to be checked. If you are unsure about how the smoke detector operates, call the fire department at 239-4257 and they will be glad to check it for you.

Two of the most effective campaigns developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs are the battery change campaign for smoke detectors and home fire drills.

The first is the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Campaign." The focus of this campaign is to urge families with battery-operated and battery backup detectors to change the batteries when they change their clocks in April and October to adjust for daylight savings time. All the detectors in Fort Riley's family housing quarters are powered by the house's electrical system but have a battery backup. Therefore, residents should replace the battery the day they change their clocks.

The second campaign is to have families develop their own fire escape plans and to rehearse them. Since 1998 this campaign has been directly responsible for saving many lives. The program is commonly referred to as "EDITH," for Exit Drills In The Home. All residents should develop a fire plan of their home with at least two ways out of every room, including using windows if necessary.

The plan and escape routes should be reviewed with every member of the household and should include a meeting place outside the home, preferably in front, so parents can account for every one.

One of the first things firefighters do upon arriving at a fire

is to determine if anyone is trapped inside. Knowing that someone is missing and who to look for helps us in our search and rescue efforts.

Once the escape plan is complete, families should conduct a home fire drill at least twice a year and make it realistic. Pretend that some escape routes are blocked by smoke or fire and practice using alternative exits.

Firefighters available to assist all

Fire department personnel are available to assist residents, units and agencies in meeting their fire prevention needs. Housing residents are encouraged to visit the fire station to learn more about home fire prevention. The firefighters have some excellent material to assist families in preventing fires in quarters, and they are always happy to show children the equipment.

Fort Riley has one of the best fire departments in the Army in terms of equipment and personnel. During the week of Oct. 3-9, the Fort Riley Fire Department will be participating in National Fire Prevention Week Activities. This year's theme is "It's Fire Prevention Week, Test Your Smoke Alarms."

The Fire Department will display their equipment at the Post Main Exchange from 5 to 7 p.m. daily during the week. They also will be at the commissary from noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 9.

The Fire Department also schedules support for unit or agency fire drills. Supervisors who want to conduct a fire drill for their facility should call and reserve a time. During this busy week, anyone desiring to tour the fire department should call 239-4257 in advance to coordinate the tour.

Equal Opportunity

Post's observance to honor Hispanics

By Larry D. Caldwell

Senior EO Advisor

Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is National Hispanic American heritage month. Fort Riley's Equal Opportunity Office will

host an observance from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Oct. 6 at Riley's Conference Center.

This year's observance will include Hispanic displays, dancers, free food sampling and a guest speaker. The guest speaker is Mary M. Rodriguez of Fort Riley.

Rodriguez is the civilian human resources regional director for the Southwest Region. Her areas of responsibility include the Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center, the Army Benefits Center — Civilian and 22 civilian personnel

advisory centers in 18 states.

Hispanic Americans are Americans of Spanish speaking descent and come from about 20 different countries. Many Hispanic Americans are the descendants of Mexican people who lived in the Southwest when it became part of the United States.

Almost all other Hispanic Americans or their ancestors immigrated to the United States from Latin America. The three largest groups in the United States are Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans and Cuban Americans.

Today, more than 35 million people of Hispanic descent live in the United States. They make up the largest minority group in the country.

In addition to their language, Hispanic Americans have preserved many other traditions of their homeland. The food, music, clothing styles and architecture of these countries have greatly influenced U.S. culture.

Please take time in your busy schedule to attend this event. Any questions may be directed to the Equal Opportunity office at 239-3379 or 239-8433.



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just the right item.

"That's when I found the perfect gift—the little bear," Savitski said. "I figured my little guardian angel had done its job (kept him safe) and needed to be used somewhere else more appropriate. Phillip was the right person to give it to," Savitski said. "I hope and pray it keeps him safe and protects and comforts him," he said.

Shriver's day on Fort Riley was filled with soldiering.

Arriving by helicopter provided by Company B, 158th Aviation, a Kansas Army National Guard based in Olathe, Kan., Fort Riley's youngest Soldier was escorted by Capt. Karl Butler of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Bde.

"I can only imagine if one of my kids were in this situation, I'd want to do anything for them," said Butler, explaining one of the reasons he wanted to escort Shriver. "I'm more than happy to help this young man out and make sure he's having a good day."

Butler began Shriver's tour of duty as a Soldier by taking him to Range 18, where members of Troop H, 1st Cavalry Regiment, were honing their scouting skills.

"This is cool," said Shriver, as he made his way to the hatch on the Humvee and got behind the .50-cal. machine gun mounted on the vehicle.

Then, with a sparkle in his eye, he grabbed the handles of the weapon and swung it from side to side, smiling as he aimed down the long barrel and exclaiming, "This is fun!"

Shriver's next stop was the 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, motor pool where he climbed aboard and explored an M1A1 Abrams tank.

After a quick tour and a brief explanation of the tank's capabilities, the crew fired the tank up and



Spec. Adam Doens, Driver, Spec. Eric Wiley, above left, and Sgt. Thomas Patrick, above center, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor show Phillip Shriver what it is like in a tank.

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rumbled off with Shriver aboard.

"We just drove him around the motor pool," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Patrick, the gunner on the battalion commander's tank.

"Phillip sure seemed to enjoy it." When the tank returned, Shriver's dad, Chris, asked him what he thought about the ride. The young tankster replied without hesitation, "That tank can run over your truck!"

Next stop was the Engagement Skills Trainer so Shriver could

shoot an M-16 and 9 mm pistol in a virtual environment.

"It's like a huge video game," said Richard Eyestone, Combat Arms Simulations Training instructor, while helping Shriver load a clip in his simulated 9 mm pistol. "Targets will appear on the big screen, and you just have to shoot them," he told Shriver.

At one point, Shriver's dad got down on the ground with his son and helped him aim the realistic weapon more accurately.

"That is about as real as you can get without actually firing a 9 mm gun with real bullets," Chris said. "The gun kicks, and it sounds like a gun firing. You just can't get more realistic than that."

After a stop at yet another virtual trainer that simulated tanks firing, it was chow time and Shriver was hungry.

Savitski's unit played host to Shriver and his parents for lunch. Helping him with his tray, the command sergeant major started

Shriver down the serving line, where he asked for peas and steak.

"He couldn't believe all the food we have here," said Savitski, who added that Shriver ate well.

"He eats just like a hungry Soldier," Savitski said. "He did a great job."

After the meal, Shriver received a plaque making him an honorary member of the Bulldog Brigade.

"The 4th Bn, 1st FA, presented him with a plaque of an M109A6

Paladin Howitzer donated personally by Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Richard F. Bowyer," Savitski said. "I also presented him with a 4-1 Field Artillery battalion coin," he said.

"As a representative of the 3rd Bde., myself and Col. David J. Bishop, the 3rd Bde. commander, presented Phillip with the highly coveted "Honorary Order of the Dog" certificate making him a 3rd Bde. Bulldog," Savitski said.

Bishop also presented him a set of personalized dog tags and a unit coin.

"No Soldier should go to the field without his ID tags," Savitski said. "So the brigade had some made up."

With dog tags on, unit coins clinking in his pocket, a guardian bear to protect him and plaques representing 3rd Bde. and the 4th Bn, 1st FA, Shriver was off to the Close Combat Tactical Trainer to train on a virtual tank.

"Are you ready to fire a tank?" asked Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Jim Sands, Shriver's escort at the facility. "This is going to be fun," he said as he and Shriver climbed into the trainer.

Sands told the honorary private, "If you need anything, I know what it's like to be sick. You just call me."

Sands is recovering from a liver transplant and said he feels close to Shriver because of his life-threatening illness.

"It doesn't matter what, just call," he said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, 24th Infantry Division command sergeant major, later greeted Shriver and his parents in his office at the division and post headquarters. That's where the young honorary private was promoted to honorary sergeant.

Shriver's mother, Lisa, helped

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Canuela pin the sergeant stripes on her son's collar. Her eyes welled up with tears as her son stood at attention when the orders promoting him were read.

But the best was yet to come. Canuela took the newly promoted sergeant to the lobby of the headquarters where five sergeants major were waiting for the special visitor.

"It's my honor to promote you to the grade of honorary command sergeant major," Canuela said. With a certificate signed by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston, Shriver was promoted again.

Canuela presented Shriver another set of dog tags and told Shriver that as long as the command sergeant major lived, he would wear a dog tag with Shriver's name on it.

"Just like we do for our POW/MIAs, I will wear an ID tag in his honor for our Army and our country," Canuela said. "Just like our country has given me the opportunity to lead Soldiers, I am sure if given the opportunity, Philip would have had the chance to make command sergeant major in his own right. When I was a little kid growing up, I had a dream of someday to be a Soldier, like Philip."

With little warning to those present the youngest command sergeant major on Fort Riley, belted out, "Drop and give me 20."

With a startled hesitation, all six sergeants major hit the floor in the prone position, counting out each pushup with "one sergeant major, two sergeant major" until they had completed the task at hand.

As one Soldier asked "permission to recover," Shriver showed his leadership potential, tossing the command "recover" calmly over his shoulder, and the senior NCOs came to their feet.

Canuela said he hoped Shriver took a sense of belonging when he went home at the end of the day. "that he is one of us, a band of brothers and sisters, An Army of One," he said.

Canuela said going above and beyond for Shriver was never a question.

"He is a very courageous young boy," Savitski said. "I think it's wonderful that he looks up to Soldiers as role models and wanted to spend time with them. I think my Soldiers were more inspired by Philip than he was with my Soldiers. He touched everyone's heart."

Savitski said he has seen a lot of things during more than 26 years in the military, but that nothing affects a Soldier more than a child in need.

"No matter how macho a Soldier is, there is something about kids that finds the goodness in all people," Savitski said. "It's usually a child's smile."

For eight hours on Sept. 20, 7-year-old Philip Shriver pursued a dream that has kept him fortified throughout his battle with leukemia. He always wanted to be a Soldier. For one day, with help from his newly found band of brothers and sisters, he was.



Post/Skidmore
Phillip Shriver tried 'Army Chow,' during his visit to Fort Riley.



Post/Skidmore
Chris Shriver helps his son, Philip, aim a simulated .9 mm pistol at a virtual target.



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Enjoying the privilege of his new rank, honorary sergeant Phillip Shriver drops 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela for 20 pushups. "Only in our country can you be a 7 year old and love your Army and be loved back," Canuela said. "Phillip is special because he gave that special love that only those with the right heart would know."

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Rumsfeld, Myers talk global posture

Secretary, Joint Chief want 70,000 servicemembers, 100,000 family members back home

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

WASHINGTON – If approved, the U.S. military plans to bring 70,000 servicemembers and 100,000 family members and Department of Defense civilians back from bases overseas, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee Sept. 23.

The transfer is part of the proposed changes to the U.S. military's global posture. Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers discussed the changes.

Rumsfeld put the restructuring in perspective for the senators. He said rearranging U.S. global posture is an integral part of "undertakings essential to transforming our military into a more agile and efficient force."

The secretary said it is part and parcel with transformation of the military along with increasing the joint capabilities, the lethality and the agility of the military. Another part of this transformation is the rebalancing between active and reserve forces, he said.

From a basing point of view, Rumsfeld said little has changed for the last 50 years. "It's as if, for example, Germany is still bracing for a Soviet tank invasion across



AFPS/USMC/Bowman
Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld answers questions from the Senate Armed Services Committee while in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 23.

the north German plain," he said.

In South Korea, U.S. troops are based in the same camps and locations as they were when the armistice was designed in 1953, Myers said.

Rumsfeld said U.S. troops should be "in places where they're wanted, places where they

are welcomed and where they're needed."

In some areas - such as Okinawa, Japan, or Seoul, South Korea - U.S. forces become an irritant to local governments, Rumsfeld said.

At the same time, the United States has built new relationships

with countries involved in the global war on terror, the secretary said. He said the United States has worked well with the countries of Central Asia and developed strong partnerships with the countries of Eastern Europe.

"We believe it makes sense to work out arrangements with countries that are interested in the presence of the United States and which are in closer proximity to the regions of the world where our troops are more likely to be needed in the future," Rumsfeld pointed out.

American troops also should be in places from which they can deploy U.S. troops in Europe that deployed to Iraq, ended up taking the long way around when Austria denied permission to cross its territory, for example.

"U.S. soldiers may be called to a variety of locations to engage extremists on short notice. We need to be able to deploy them to trouble spots quickly," he said.

The readjustment also must take advantage of the new capabilities of the U.S. military. "In this century we are shifting away from a tendency to equate sheer numbers of things - troops, bombs, tanks - with capability," Rumsfeld said. Precision bombs allow one aircraft to kill a number of targets, rather than the old paradigm of a number of planes dropping dumb bombs to take out one target.

Rumsfeld said the main operating bases would be consolidated but retained. "In Asia our idea is built on the current ground, air and naval access to overcome vast distances, while bringing forward other assets to the region," he said.

In Europe, the United States will deploy more flexible and agile ground forces and beefed up special operations forces. They will deploy to other regions as needed, he indicated.

"In the broader Middle East we

propose to maintain what we call warm facilities for rotational forces and contingency purposes," the secretary said. The United States will build on the cooperation and access provided by host nations during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"In Africa and the western hemisphere, we envision a diverse array of smaller cooperative security locations for security access," he said.

Rumsfeld and Myers said the moves would also make life easier for servicemembers and their families. Once in place, deployments should be shorter and less frequent. Families should move less during a military career.

"This plan is in the best interest of national security and our troops," Myers said. "This plan will leave us better positioned to engage with our allies and promote regional stability and better positioned to prevail in combat when war cannot be prevented."

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Club offers dance lessons

The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club will offer square dance lessons Oct. 23 and 30 and Nov. 6 at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center on Spring Valley Road in Junction City.

Caller Kevin Oneslanger from Lawrence will teach the lessons from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A potluck lunch will be served each day.

Cost will be \$60 per couple or \$30 for singles for all three sessions.

For more information, call Henry Brackney at 238-5114 or (800) 444-5114 or Connie Stewart at 263-3449.

Legion to host benefits meeting

American Legion Post 45 in Junction City will host a meeting for all veterans and their families who wish to learn more about their earned Veterans Administration benefits at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 4.

The meeting will be in the Legion hall at 201 E. Fourth St. in Junction City.

War veterans to stand vigil

Kansas veterans of foreign wars, in cooperation with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Museum, will hold their annual vigil at Gen. and Mrs. Eisenhower's burial site on the Eisenhower Center grounds in Abilene Oct. 15-16.

The Kansas VFW has been responsible for maintaining this annual vigil to commemorate President Eisenhower's birthday since 1990, the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Opening ceremonies begin at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 15. Members of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will stand the vigil starting at 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. Oct. 16.

Any Kansas members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars wishing to participate may do so by contacting their local VFW post.

Pageant queen begins project

Kelsey Marie Sealey, Pride of America Young Miss and daughter of Lisa Sealey at Fort Riley, is starting a project called "Kids in Crisis."

She will be collecting blankets, stuffed animals, children's clothing, hygiene items, diapers and miscellaneous baby items for donation to different organizations help kids who have experienced a disaster, such as fire or severe weather, that have caused a hardship financially, mentally or physically.

She will be collecting these items starting Oct. 2. She will be at the Main Post Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day and at the Welcome Home and Apple Days event.

Although this project will be ongoing, everything collected during the month of October will be sent to help children in Florida.

Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Post slates family conferences

Adults, teens sought for discussion of Fort Riley, Armywide concerns

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Two Fort Riley conferences in October meet to discuss concerns that need improvement on post and in the Army and ways to make improve family life.

Organizations on post invited some Fort Riley Soldiers, family members, middle and high school students and local retirees and their spouses to participate in the conferences — one for teenagers Oct. 16 and one for adults Oct. 21-22. Others interested in participating may do so by contacting

Becky Willis, Family Action Plan coordinator, at 239-9435.

Willis serves as conference coordinator for the third consecutive year. Each previous conference resulted in improvements on post and the Army Family Action Plan Conference has or will be addressing other issues discussed

at Fort Riley, she said.

Post parents always express concern about the lack of sufficient capacity for hourly day care on post, Willis said. In the past, that lack resulted from limited space in facilities on post and lack of enough personnel to handle the day care demand, she said.

Fort Riley addressed part of that concern by obtaining approval to build a new child care facility, Willis said. Contractors are building a new facility now, but completion isn't expected until sometime in 2005, she said.

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Bargains



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Shoppers from Fort Riley and surrounding communities look for bargains in the Ellis Heights Housing Area Sept. 25 during the semi-annual postwide yard sale.

Yard sale offers shoppers saddles, canoes, bargains

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Bargain hunters found just about anything they needed — or really didn't need — Sept. 25 during the semi-annual postwide yard sale.

Shoppers invaded post housing areas early, even though the advertised opening time was 8 a.m. Anyone looking for really good buys on unique, useful or

gift items seemed to believe that "the early bird gets the ... best buys," to paraphrase the old bromide.

In Ellis Heights, many lawns and driveways were adorned with all sorts of bargains by 8 a.m., though some families could be seen moving items outside from homes and garages as late as 8:30.

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A saddle waits for a buyer outside the Ellis Heights quarters of Diana Schnurr during the postwide yard sale Sept. 25.

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Army widow enlists to be military policeman

Grief, desire to improve her life, prompts woman to choose Soldier's life

By Shawn Ledington
York Daily Record

YORK, Pa. (Army News Service) — Many times in her 16-month marriage to Spc. Nicholas Zangara, Mell Zangara would climb into his military uniform and prance around their apartment as though she was on a catwalk. "Don't I look hot, baby?" she'd ask him. "Wouldn't you like to see me come home to you in this?"

Nicky would give her that look, the one that told her to give him a

break. "You're not joining the Army," he'd say.

New beginnings

Before marrying Nicky in March 2003, Mell was at rock bottom. Out of high school, but not going to college, she filled her days with alcohol and partying while bouncing from job to job. She got to know Nicky through an Internet chat room. He inspired her to change her life.

"If I want a chance with him,

I'm going to have to change," she decided.

She wanted to be a better person for him. And she could tell he became a better person for her, too. He was promoted; his personality became softer, nicer.

She and 21-year-old Nicky spent many hours on the phone and, after their first meeting, married. She moved to Germany, where he was stationed, to be with him.

Mell soon began talking about joining the Army as her own career opportunity. She even com-

pleted the written and physical tests and was planning to become a parachute rigger so she could learn to jump from airplanes.

Nicky, however, felt their relationship would suffer from the potential time apart with deployments and training.

Then in February, he was sent to Iraq, taking his uniforms with him.

In July, he was killed by a roadside bomb.

Suddenly, at 20 years old, Mell was a widow.

But she never lost interest in

putting on her own military uniform.

Dealing with grief

In the last two months, Mell has been tearing herself up inside over Nicky's death. The grief caused her to shed 25 pounds.

She longs to feel the camouflaged fabric of his Army uniform next to her skin again.

Some days are worse than others.

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Community news briefly

Riley's Center site for party

A fun-filled Welcome Home Celebration for all Soldiers and their spouses begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at Riley's Conference Center.

Free dinner will be served to active duty Soldiers and their ID card holding spouse. The meal will cost \$5 for non-ID card holders.

Live entertainment will be provided by the band Crisis and DJ Chris Monroe.

Those attending must be 18 or older.

Free casino gambling for those who show an ID card will earn play money to use at a later auction for prizes and gifts.

Clinic slates public outreach

In celebration of National Physical Therapy Month, the Physical Therapy Clinic at Irwin Army Community Hospital will be participating in a community outreach program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Main Post Exchange.

The clinic will be giving patient education handouts on common musculoskeletal conditions, evaluating foot type and giving recommendations on type of shoes the customer should wear.

Scholarships available

Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and their Ladies auxiliaries are seeking applicants for college and vocational school scholarships.

Applicants must have a parent or grandparent actively affiliated with a VFW Post or Ladies Auxiliary in Kansas. An active member is either a life member or a member whose dues are paid for the current membership year or were so at the time of his or her death.

Applications should be submitted through the VFW Post or Ladies Auxiliary that can verify the membership affiliation of the parent or grandparent.

Applications are available through local VFW Posts or Ladies Auxiliaries. The deadline for submission of applications is Feb. 1, 2005.

In 2004, the VFW Endowment Association had \$55,000 in scholarship commitments. These scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$4,000 for durations of one-to-four years.

Club seeks aid requests

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will accept requests for financial assistance until Oct. 29. All requests must be postmarked no later than Oct. 29.

Each request should include the name of organization, a point of contact (name and phone number), specific monetary amount requested, how the donation will be used and the mission of the organization.

Send requests to OCSC, Attn: Community Assistance, PO Box 2482, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

For more information, call Community Assistance Chairperson Brenda Wise at (785) 784-2820 or send e-mail to fortrileyocsc@yahoo.com.

BRAVO! tour group seeking auditions for upcoming show

Staff report

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, Army Entertainment Division, has announced production plans for the Fiscal Year 05 winter tour of BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company.

BRAVO! is an all Soldier theatrical company that will tour deployment areas in Southwest Asia areas, including Kuwait and Afghanistan, and Far East locations, including Japan and Korea. The show brings the finest in the theatrical arts to Soldiers and other Department of Defense deployed servicemembers.

Cast requirements include actors, a stage manager and lighting and audio engineer.

This winter, BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company will present the very funny production of "The Complete History of America (Abridged)," covering 600 years of history in 6,000 seconds with scenes from Washington to Watergate, from the Bering Straits to Baghdad, from the New World to the New World Order.

The production will rehearse Nov. 8 through Dec. 9 and open at the Wallace Theatre, home of the Army Soldier Show at Fort Belvoir, Va., on Dec. 10. BRAVO! will then tour Southwest Asia regions from Dec. 13 to Jan. 22 January and the Far East region from Jan. 23 to Feb. 27.

Active duty Soldiers interested in auditioning for BRAVO! Can submit audition packets to CFSC Army Entertainment Division,

Attention: BRAVO! Auditions, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 no later than Oct. 15.

Audition packets must include: Name, rank, Social Security number, unit address, duty phone and ETS date of the Soldier auditioning.

Video cassette (1/2 inch VHS) of performer showing acting, singing and dancing skills; a prepared memorized monologue at least three minutes in length and at least one performed song from a Broadway musical. Highlights from a previous production, if available, are recommended to be included as well.

An official photo. A resume of acting, singing, dancing, or technical theatre background, with references.

Copies of Personnel Qualifications, DA Forms 2A and 2-1 or ERS, DA 348, last weapons qualification within six months, last PT test, last Common Task Training Record and any medical profiles.

Nominees must have a minimum of 90 days time in service remaining after Feb. 28.

Selectees will be notified through their respective Installation Management Agency Regions, with units and installations receiving an information copy of the notification.

For more information, contact Tim Higdon at DSN 656-3698, commercial (703) 806-3698, timothy.higdon@cfsc.army.mil or Sgt. Tobin Atkinson at DSN 656-3702, (703) 806-3702 or tobin.atkinson@cfsc.army.mil.



Staff Sgt. Howard Wilson's canoe sits "beached" on his front lawn, waiting for a buyer among the crowds that swarmed onto Fort Riley Sept. 25 for the post-wide yard sale.

Sale

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Even horseback riders could find something useful this time. Diana Schnurr displayed a saddle in her front yard.

It belonged to her sister, who lives in Junction City but whose husband had gotten an active duty reserve position in Hutchinson. The couple had sold their home and horses in preparation for the move, but the saddle remained to be sold.

Up the street, Sgt. Ryan Anderson watched his children Jordyn and Mason playing with some of the many toys set up on a couple of tables and placed on the front

yard lawn. "They're toys they've outgrown and that have been in storage a long time," he said.

The children weren't fussing about having their toys sold, but when they woke up and saw them all, "they wanted to play with them one last time," Anderson said.

In another area of Ellis Heights, Staff Sgt. Howard Wilson's aluminum canoe and paddles sat next to the sidewalk, waiting for a buyer.

His wife, Christine, explained that her husband now had a boat with a motor parked in their

garage and that "gasoline power was better than arm power," so the canoe needed to find a new owner.

Not everyone was selling things they no longer needed. Five-year-old Michael LaBadie was selling two cookies for a quarter and soda pop for 50 cents a can. His mother said he wanted some money to buy a pair of sunglasses.

LaBadie nodded his head in agreement when his mother added that he wanted the sunglasses so his girlfriend at school would think he's "cool."

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Community news briefly

Red Cross seeks recipes

The American Red Cross at Fort Riley is collecting recipes for a cookbook. Cooks may submit their favorite recipes in several ways: send e-mail to redcrossrecipes@yahoo.com, fax them to 239-1812, mail to P.O. Box 2305, Fort Riley, KS 66442 or drop them at the office in Building 7264.

Contributors should include their name and organization on each recipe.

Youth Services sets activities

Oct. 2 – Red Cross Baby-sitting Course
For more information, call 239-9173

Crafts center sets classes

Iraqi Art Contest – Submit entries through Oct. 16

Oct. 3 – 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together

Oct. 4 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood safety

Oct. 4 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., stained glass

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Teen Center sets activities

Oct. 2 – 2 to 6 p.m., canned food drive

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Oct. 1 – Alien VS. Predator (PG-13)

Oct. 2 – Alien VS. Predator (PG-13)

Oct. 3 – Without A Paddle (PG-13)

Oct. 7 – Open Water (R)

Oct. 8 – Exorcist: The Beginning (R)

Oct. 9 – Suspect Zero (R)

Oct. 10 – Superbabies: Baby Geniuses Son 2 (PG)

Oct. 14 – Exorcist: The Beginning (R)

Oct. 15 – Hero (PG-13)

Oct. 16 – Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG-13)

Oct. 17 – The Cookout (PG-13)

Oct. 21 – Hero (PG-13)

Oct. 22 – Cellular (PG-13)

Oct. 23 – Paparazzi (PG-13)

Oct. 24 – Napoleon Dynamite (PG)

Oct. 28 – Cellular (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Showing support

Morris Hill Elementary School fifth-grader Mason Holbert (on ladder) gets some assistance in showing the Panthers' Support Our Troops banner students at the school hung on a fence near 1st Division Road Sept. 24. The entire student body and school staff, plus several parents – some recently returned from Iraq – attended the ceremony.

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Widow

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She was having a really bad "Nicholas Day," in early September.

She wasn't angry, just intensely sad — a hard to explain feeling, a feeling only another war widow might understand.

In that mood, she drove to the Army recruiter's office and signed on the dotted line — the final step she didn't want to enlist.

Mell's parents, whom she lives with in Jackson Township and calls her best friends, weren't thrilled with the idea that their daughter enlisted.

She knew they wouldn't be, so she didn't tell them until times were said and done.

Now, reluctantly, they are happy for her and proud.

They just hope she isn't sent to Iraq.

"Like any parent wants their child sent to Iraq right now," Mell said.

Tough times still ahead

Sept. 20, when Nicky's belongings arrived from Iraq, became another one of those bad days. Letters, cards, photos and other special love notes she sent him since February, when he was deployed, were stacked and organized among the rubble of compact discs, DVDs, Game Boy games and other toys.

Everything but his uniform was inside, and she's not sure why.

In the weeks and months to come, she knows she'll still have bad Nicky days.

She'll suffer through them. She must.

She'll proudly climb into that Army combat uniform every day.

She'll stand at attention in an Army formation. She'll march, left, right, left, right.

She'll run hard, climb fast and crawl on the gritty ground.

She'll tuck and fold the sheets of her bed, dress orderly in uniform and follow superiors' strict, barking orders.

And as every bead of sweat drips down her neck and with every heavy step she takes in those nine weeks of basic training, she will be motivated like few others in her class.

She'll be energized by Nicky, who took similar steps when he joined the Army in March 2001.

She'll envision how he squeezed his arm muscles to finish a final push up, breathed heavily while jumping obstacles, skillfully maneuvered climbing walls.

And, if she ends up in Iraq, she'll find out just how life must have been for him in the weeks leading up to the day when a roadside bomb blew up the truck he was driving and killed him instantly.

Filling MP ranks

When she signed up at the recruiter's office, Mell chose to spend her four-year enlistment in

the military police, which she says is the closest thing to being on the front lines for a woman.

She doesn't want to be a nurse, a caretaker or stuck in some office filing papers.

She prefers to be up close to the enemy, the one that took her husband's life.

"I just want to go fight," she said.

She wants to finish what Nicky started.

It's not about revenge, she said. It's about finding out what her husband went through. Mell figures if her husband could handle war, so can she.

But Mell isn't trying to act tough.

She admits she's scared to death and that there will be times when she regrets the decision she's made.

But, she said, she has Nicky's presence with her daily, a feeling she said will give her the extra "umph" she'll need to survive boot camp and, potentially, war.

"I know he's going to take care of me," she said. "He won't let anything happen to me."

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Conferences

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Limited numbers of family care givers in private homes on post exacerbates the problem, Willis said.

The post needs more private care givers, but even with more of them, some parents prefer the hourly day care provided in a facility like the post's Child Development Center, she said.

Past issues conference committees handled include housing upgrades for older quarters, limited parking available for housing occupants, medical service complaints, raising the Basic Allowance for Housing, deployment lengths, better ways for family members to communicate with deployed Soldiers, dogs in housing areas, meaningful jobs for teens, teen curfew, traffic past schools on 1st Division Road, track condition at Fort Riley Middle School and post activities for teens.

Most of those issues and others discussed by the two conference groups can be handled at post level, Willis said. Others have to be passed up to the Army Family Action Plan Conference, Willis said.

"Last year we had 58 issues presented at the adult conference. Only three had to go forward," Willis said. Keeping issues at Fort Riley means quicker reaction to them, she said. The Garrison Command Steering Committee

meets after the conference and assigns responsibility for addressing the issues raised during the conferences, she said. Most can be addressed within a year at post level; those that must go forward might take three to five years to be addressed at higher levels, she said.

On post, the housing area parking issue was eased by allowing responsible persons in the housing areas to obtain free paint from the post and to repaint the parking areas to help organize parking for better use, Willis said.

Last year's conferences also suggested that pedestrian over-

The conferences

Teen conference

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16
Where: Fort Riley Teen Center

Adult conference

When: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 21-22
Where: Riley's Convention Center

To participate:

Call Becky Willis at 239-9435. Limited childcare available if reservation made with Willis in advance.

To submit concerns:

Visit www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/ACS/AFAP.asp on the Web for form. Concerns also may be made in writing and delivered to Willis at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building ??? on post or at the conference site at the beginning of each conference.

passes be built at Fort Riley Middle School and Morris Hill Elementary School to allow quicker and safer crossing of 1st Division Road for students and parents.

Overpass construction wasn't feasible, Willis said, so the post began using crossing guards on busy streets to help people cross quickly and safely at times of busy traffic, Willis said.

In response to the teens' concern about few activities they would like to have available, the Teen Center began a teen advisory council to suggest the kinds of activities they would like to have so that the center's efforts would

better serve their needs, she said.

In response to the desire to raise BAH for Soldier families assigned to Fort Riley, Willis said the post conducted a survey to determine if a need really existed. The survey found that rents in the surrounding area were in a middle range, not exorbitantly high, she said.

In the past, some residents expressed concern about allowing certain dog breeds with vicious reputations to be kept in on-post housing and about dogs running unattended.

Fort Riley officials responded by requiring muzzles on those breeds of dogs when they are outside the owner's home, Willis said.

The post also instituted a leash law requiring any pet outside the home to be leashed. Three citations for violating that regulation will result in a family being denied post housing, Willis said.

After the conferences, committees will brief the post leadership Oct. 22 on the three most pressing issues they discussed and recommended solutions.

That briefing will be aired later in part on "In Step with Fort Riley," which airs daily on Cable TV Channel 2 on post at 6:30 and 8 a.m., noon and 6 and 10 p.m. It also airs at 7 a.m. Sundays on CBS.

Ike Center screens 'Band of Brothers'

By Colleen Cearley

DDE Library

By special permission of Rome Box Office (HBO), the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum will screen the Golden Globe and Emmy award-winning 10-part miniseries, Band of Brothers, on five consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning September 28 and ending October 12.

The series will be screened at the library's Visitor Center at 6:30 each of the evenings. The screenings are free and open to the general public. Doors open at 6 p.m. To reserve a seat, call (877) RING IKE.

Members of the legendary "Band of Brothers" will be guests of honor at the annual Eisenhower Day festivities at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

Those activities include the patriotic tribute to President Eisenhower by area school children on the grounds of the Eisenhower Center at 9:30 a.m.

on Oct. 14, the annual Eisenhower Birthday Dinner at 6 p.m. Oct. 15, and the Military Wreath Laying Ceremony at 10 a.m. Oct. 16.

Fort Riley dignitaries will participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

"Band of Brothers" tells the story of the actions of Company E, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne, from basic training to the fall of Hitler's luxury hideout, Eagle's Nest.

It is a film documentation of the famed unit's actions during World War II.

"This series should be watched not just for entertainment value, but as a reminder of the sacrifices made for us by thousands of citizen Soldiers during the war," said Eisenhower Library Director Dan Holt.

The morning patriotic tribute to President Eisenhower by area school children, featuring Dennis Denenberg, best-selling author of "50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet," and the wreath laying ceremony are free and open to the public.

Guests should bring a lawn chair for the morning tribute; chairs are only provided for the school groups.

To receive an invitation to the annual Eisenhower Birthday Dinner in honor of the "Band of Brothers," call (877) RING IKE.

Got an idea for a story worth printing in the Post? Call the editor at 239-8854.

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Sports news in brief

Armed Forces women win

The Armed Forces Women's Softball Team, including Tamara Baldwin from Fort Riley, won the American Softball Association Eastern Region Open Division Championship this week, according to Army Coach Rob Bailey of Fort Irwin, Calif.

The win earns the team a chance at the national championship to be played in Oklahoma City in two weeks.

Other Army players on the team are Amy Hawkins from Korea and Rachael Smith from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. All three Soldiers earned All Tournament Team honors.

Volleyball team places fourth

Fort Riley Middle School's "A" volleyball team placed fourth in the Solomon Tournament in Solomon, Kan., Sept. 25.

Led by Yolanda Reid, Ashley Brockman and Barbara Commons, the Troopers reeled off three straight victories.

The Troopers beat St. Xavier of Junction City 25-20, 25-12 to start the tournament. They followed that win with two more victories, beating Ell-Saline 25-20, 25-18, then tourney host Solomon 25-16, 25-20.

Playing in the tourney semifinals, the Troopers lost to Chapman 25-16, 25-13 and were sent into the losers bracket to battle for third place.

In the third-place game, Fort Riley lost a three-game match to Solomon 25-18, 23-25, 9-15.

The three wins coupled with two losses evened the Trooper's record at 5-5 for the year.

Eyster staff offers lessons

The staff at Eyster pool will offer a parent and tot clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Oct. 2.

Sign-up for swimming lessons begins Oct. 4.

For more information, call the pool at 239-9441.

Eyster Pool opened Sept. 8 with normal operational hours.

The pool will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. It will open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday for lap swimming and from 1 to 6 p.m. the same days for open swimming. It will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays for open swimming.

Quarterly pool passes cost \$35 for one person or \$50 for a family. Semi-annual pool passes cost \$60 for one person or \$80 for a family and annual pool passes are \$110 for one person or for a family.

Daily entry fees are \$1.50 for ID card holders, \$2 for guests and free for children 5 years old and younger.

Aerobic classes offered evenings

The next aerobics class will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4.

Aerobics classes cost \$2 per class if paid in advance. October and November classes will cost a total of \$10.50.

No classes will be conducted Oct. 11, Nov. 11 or Nov. 25 because of holidays.

For more information, call 239-2813.

Simpson, Leake win golf crowns

By Tom Pettegrew
Chief, Business Operations

Col. John Simpson, Fort Riley Garrison commander, won stroke play in the 2004 Custer Hill Golf Club Championship played Sept. 25-26.

John Leake of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation won the handicap play.

Simpson carded a 157 for 36 holes of play in beautiful weather and temperatures in the low 80s. Leake's net score for 36 holes was 147.

Twenty-one players entered the club tournament.

Using two formats for play — stroke play and handicap play — allowed players of all abilities to participate in the tournament.

Paul Confer, a family member, crowded Simpson throughout the tournament, ending in runner-up position just one stroke behind the club champion in stroke play.

Mike Steffens of DMWR scored a 161 for third place in stroke play, and Mark Taulbee of the Staff Judge Advocate's Office placed fourth with a score of 164.

The battle for handicap cham-

pion ran close, too. Retiree Rick Geike took runner-up position behind Leake with his net score of 148.

Retiree Doug Crabtree placed third with a net score of 151 and civilian Ed Coleman placed fourth with his net score of 152.

The golf club staff plans two more events this fall. One is a "Home and Home" event at Fort

Leavenworth on Oct. 8. The other is the Fall Classic on Oct. 21.

Golfers are needed for both events. Interested individuals and teams will be placed on a "first come, first served list." For more information, contact the Custer Hill Golf Course at 784-6000 or Tom Pettegrew at 239-2544 or via e-mail at Thomas.Pettegrew@us.army.mil.

'Smother him!'



Robert Miller of HHHD, 24th Inf. Div., gets smothered by Joseph Niess (on knees) and Billy Grace of 568th CSE during a Southern League company flag football game Sept. 21.



Billy Grace of 568th CSE avoids outstretched hands of HHHD, 24th ID, players Jim Wildish (right) and Davalance Depoe. The infantry team went on to defeat the combat equipment operators in the league opener for both teams.



Jim Wilson of HHHD, 24th ID, pulls the flag of 568th CSE's Adrian Thomas to end the play Sept. 21 at Sturgis Stadium on post. Matthew Woodburn (second from left) runs between Thomas and an infantry defender.

Infantry bulldozes machine operators

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 24th Infantry Division, blew away 568th Combat Support Equipment 53-13 in the Southern League season opener for both teams Sept. 21 at Sturgis Stadium on Main Post.

HHHD came out strong, running in a touchdown and passing successfully for the extra points attempt on the first two plays of the game. The team added a second touchdown later in the first quarter and a third in the second quarter, but came up short on both extra points attempts.

"I was very happy with our performance," said Coach Kevin Doherty. "For our first game, with almost an entirely new defense, we did pretty well. For the most part, I'd probably give us about a 'B' overall."

Penalties plagued 568th CSE on offense, and the team's defense struggled to take down the opposition in the first half of the game.

"The first half we came off pretty rocky," said 568th CSE Coach Sharon McClarkin. "We started out real slow, and we gave up some big plays that really hurt."

The 568th team put six points on the board in the third quarter but failed to tack on the extra points. HHHD answered with another TD and was successful on its extra points attempt.

"Our offense wasn't a concern because we have three guys remaining from last year who've played the last three years with us, so we kind of knew a little bit. What we didn't know was going to be our defense, but they played pretty well," Doherty said.

In the fourth quarter, HHHD scored first but failed to add on the extra points. Near the end of

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Troopers slip past Marysville, 26-24

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Fort Riley Middle School quarterback Andy Birchmeier threw for one touchdown and ran for two others to lead the Fort Riley Middle School Troopers past Marysville Jr./Sr. High School 26-24 in eighth-grade football action Sept. 27 at Marysville.

The victory improved the Troopers' record to 2-3 for the season.

The Troopers stormed to an early lead on the first play of the game as Birchmeier connected on his first pass attempt of the game to all-purpose running back Chris Toombs for a 75-yard touchdown.

The Troopers' offense remained stifled the rest of the half as Marysville's defense moved their linebackers and

defensive backs into pass coverage. After scoring two unanswered touchdowns to take a 12-6 lead, Marysville's offense pounded the ball down inside Fort Riley's 10-yard line with less than a minute left in the first half.

With a larger deficit looming, the Troopers' goal-line defense stopped Marysville on fourth down as the half ended.

"That was a momentum-builder for us," said Trooper Coach Mark Ellner. "Scoring on the first play from scrimmage and stopping Marysville from scoring just before halftime gave our players the confidence to know they could win."

With Marysville's defense sagging back anticipating the pass, the Troopers started their second-

half comeback by running up the middle.

Led by Birchmeier's third- and fourth-quarter rushing touchdowns of 45 yards and 51 yards, respectively, the Troopers pulled even with Marysville at 18-18 with nearly an entire quarter left to play.

"We came out and weren't

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Troopers nets two wins

By J.D. Hardesty

Staff writer

Fort Riley Middle School's "A" volleyball team scored its first two wins of the season Sept. 21, downing the Emporia Vikings at home in three games, 25-15, 22-25 and 25-20. The team then put away Manhattan Eisenhower's Eagles 25-12, 25-21 to sweep their matches in the three-team meet.

Down 20-19, the Troopers rallied for six straight points behind Deanna Cabrey's serves to win their first match of the season in the best two of three games format. The Vikings called a timeout to try to cool off the red-hot Cabrey, but the points kept piling up for the Troopers on her serve.

With each team owning a victory in the match, Catherine Carmichael and Yolanda Reid put pressure on the net and Stanley Mathews and Barbara Commons dove and skidded across the court for digs to keep volleys alive as the Troopers reeled off six unanswered points and their first match in the win column.

The Troopers and Vikings battled in the third game with each taking no more than a three-point lead until the last six-point Trooper barrage insured the win. The score was knotted six times during the last game of the match, the last time at 20-20.

Carmichael and Reid, the Troopers' version of the twin towers, blocked and spiked up front, netting several critical kills in the match. Many of those stole momentum from the Vikings' offensive effort.

In the first game of the match, the Troopers built a 12-4 lead early to help put the Vikings away.

Leading 6-2 early in the second game, the Troopers' fast start



Post/Hardesty

Fort Riley Middle School's Yolanda Reid blocks Manhattan Eisenhower's Kaitlin McEvoy in the second game of their match on the Trooper's court Sept. 21. Troopers Ashley Brockman (31) and Barbara Commons watch the action.

fizzled, as Emporia stormed back with eight straight points from Viking server Kaitlin McEvoy to take a four-point lead.

The Vikings used the four-point edge the rest of the way to tie the match at one game apiece.

The Vikings scored 13 points on McEvoy's serve during the second-game victory.

"It was a mental thing against Emporia," said Trooper Coach Shannon Molt. "We are much more mentally prepared now than at the beginning of the sea-

son. Our players understand that each play is a new play and they focus on the current point. They can reset their minds and wipe out the bad plays or missed opportunities."

"Commons and Myisha Myles made some great saves during the six-point rally to help us win the match," Molt said.

In the second match of the afternoon, Emporia rebounded from its Fort Riley loss to beat the Manhattan Eisenhower Eagles 25-16, 25-15 in the triangular meet.

The Troopers, displaying their newfound confidence after rallying to beat Emporia, beat the Eagles in straight games, 25-12, 25-21.

Leading the Eagles 7-4 with Ashley Brockman serving, the Troopers exploded for seven points to take a 14-4 command of the first game before pounding out the win.

"We put four players back receiving the serve and that put pressure on them (the Eagles)," the coach said.

The Troopers found themselves staring at the net and behind Manhattan Eisenhower 6-1. With composure and focus, Fort Riley rallied to even the score at 8 apiece. Each team took no more than a 2-point lead until the Troopers pulled away to a 24-20 lead with Cabrey serving.

"Our goal is to bump, set and hit," Molt said about the team's overall game strategy. "Initially, it's hard to do, but after they get it down, that's what will make us win."

And it was the bump, set and hit teamwork that helped the Troopers net their first two match wins, improving their season record to 2-3.

Fort Riley Middle School's "B" volleyball team lost a close three-game match to Emporia 21-25, 25-19, 23-25, before being swept in straight games by Manhattan Eisenhower by duplicate scores of 13-25, 13-25.

Early in the third game against Emporia, with the match on the line, the Troopers built a 5-point lead before the Vikings worked their way back to tie the game at 23, and then served out the match for the victory.

The Eagles started both games quickly, building early leads of 8-0 and 6-0, respectively, a hole too large for the Troopers to dig themselves out of.

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play, 568th added another touchdown and two extra points.

"I was really impressed with how we came together in the second half. The quarterback play got better, we started catching more, the defense started making plays," McClerkin said.

This is 568th CSE's first year together as a flag football team. Learning the game rules and working the defense to adjust to a two-pass offense has been a challenge for the team.

"We really had to read the rules on this. It's very hard to defend. It's hard to run a regular zone, and we're not disciplined as we should be with staying in the zone," McClerkin said.

Having played this style of a game for three years, Doheny said he too thought the defense is challenged by the two-pass offense.

"It is impossible to defend if the first pass is caught because you have to contain, the DBs (defensive backs) have to be really disciplined in what they're doing," he said.

In other Southern League games Sept. 21, the 596th Signal Company defeated 568th CSE 20-14 and 10th Air Support Operations Squadron defeated the 523rd MPs 35-8.

In Southern League games Sept. 22, the 300th MPs defeated the 977th Military Police Company 24-12; HHD, 24th ID defeated Detachment D, 15th Personnel Support Battalion 13-6; and U.S. Army Medical Department Activity defeated the 523rd MPs 32-28.

Northern League Standings

(as of Sept. 20)

Team	W	L
A-1-41 Inf.	1	0
HHD, 125th PSB	2	0
C-4-1 FA	1	2
HHC, 2-70 AR	0	2
A-2-34 AR	1	1
HHB, 4-1 FA	0	1
342nd MP	1	0

Southern League Standings

(as of Sept. 22)

Team	W	L
10th ASOS	2	0
596th Signal	1	1
HHD, 24th ID	2	0
USA MEDDAC	2	0
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568th CSE	0	2
523rd MP Co	1	2
300th MP Co	1	1
977th MP Co	0	1

Touchdowns

568th CSE

Joe Larsen (1)

Billy Grace (1)

HHD, 24th ID

James Wildish (1)

Kevin Doheny (2)

Jason Shepherd (1)

Robert Miller (1)

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scared to hit people," Ellner said. "You could see players on both sides of the ball raise their game a notch."

The Troopers took the lead for good on a 50-yard scoring drive capped by fullback Calvin Boston's three-yard plunge and Jacob Nangle's two-point conversion catch of Birchmeier's pass.

"We thought the conversion try was dead, but Nangle came out of nowhere to grab the ball inches before it hit the ground," Ellner said.

Abilene 48, Fort Riley 24

In other Trooper eighth-grade football action, the Abilene Longhorns stamped the Troopers 48-

24 Sept. 23, at Abilene, Kan.

The Longhorns took a commanding 40-6 halftime lead. Chris Toombs hauled a kickoff back 73

yards for the only Trooper score in the first half.

Playing reserves in the second half, the Longhorns scored one more touchdown and two-point conversion the last 16 minutes of the game.

Toombs and Birchmeier hooked up for a 65-yard scoring strike and Birchmeier scored on a one-yard plunge for the Troopers to narrow the Longhorns' lead to 48-18 going into the fourth quarter.

Boston capped the Troopers' scoring with a five-yard dive up the middle to raise the score to a more respectable 48-24 loss.

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Leisuretime ideas

Jewell:

Corn Show – Annual event for 50-plus years; exhibits of flowers, crafts, quilts, crops, soup supper, football game, fun run, parade, BBQ, road rally, and talent show; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 and 9, 1 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 8; downtown.

For more information, (785) 428-3600 or visit www.skyways.org/towns/Jewell on the Web.

Ellsworth:

C.O.W.B.O.Y.S. Fall Roundup – Old West Cowboy camp at the End of the Trail in Ellsworth; 6 to 11 p.m. Oct. 8 and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 9; Kansas Highway 14 and W. Douglas.

For more information, (785) 472-4071 or visit www.skyways.org/towns/Ellsworth on the Web.

Junction City:

Kansas State Red Power Roundup and International Harvesters Reunion – Annual event; International Harvester tractors, equipment, collectibles, trucks, Scouts on display, swap meet, arts, crafts, antiques and vendors; 8 a.m. Oct. 9 and 3 p.m. Oct. 10; Geary County Fairgrounds.

For more information, call (316) 746-2593.

Salina:

Show and Tractor Pull – 25th annual; demonstrations of rural and agricultural lifestyle, including running sawmill, wheat and corn harvesting, antique tractor pull and re-enactments; 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 9-10; 1100 W. Diamond Drive, Yesteryear Museum.

For more information, call (785) 825-8473 or visit www.yesteryearmuseum.com on the Web.

Arkansas City:

Stone Bridges of Cowley County Tour – Visit historic stone bridges, chuckwagon dinner, artwork, and photo opportunities with Gary and Shannon Gackstatter. Occasionally barns included; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 9-11; 525 N. Fourth, Denton Art Center.

For more information, call (620) 442-5895.

Newton:

Taste of Newton – Kick-off event to Bethel College Fall Festival with more than 70 food vendors and entertainment; 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 7; downtown.

For more information, call (316) 283-2560 or (800) 868-2560 or visit www.infonew-tonks.org on the Web.

Bethel College Fall Festival – Entertainment, arts and crafts, lectures, college booths, sports, food, children's activities, and

alumni events; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 9; 300 E. 27th St., Bethel College Campus.

For more information, call (316) 284-5252 or visit www.bethelks.edu/alumni/fallfest/ on the Web.

Wichita:

Tallgrass Film Festival – Independent filmmakers from around the world showcase their work along with local and regional filmmakers; 5 p.m. to midnight Oct. 7-8, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 9 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 10; various locations.

For more information, call (316) 650-6431 or visit www.tallgrassfilmfest.com on the Web.

Mulvane:

Octoberfest at the Winery – Wines, cheeses, and celebration; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 9; 951 E. 119th St., Wyldewood Cellars Winery, Peck.

For more information, call (316) 554-9463 or (800) 711-9748 or visit www.wyldewood-cellars.com on the Web.

Beaumont:

Motorcycle Ride-In Breakfast – Motorcycle ride-in breakfast second Sunday of each month; 11:51 SE Main, Beaumont Hotel.

For more information, call (620) 843-2422 or visit www.hotelbeaumontks.com on the Web.

Fairway:

Fall Festival – Living history re-enactments, 1880s music, craft booths, children's activities, quilt show and building tours; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 9, campfire 7 p.m. Oct. 9 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10; 3403 W. 53rd Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site.

For more information, (913) 262-0867 or visit www.ksks.org on the Web.

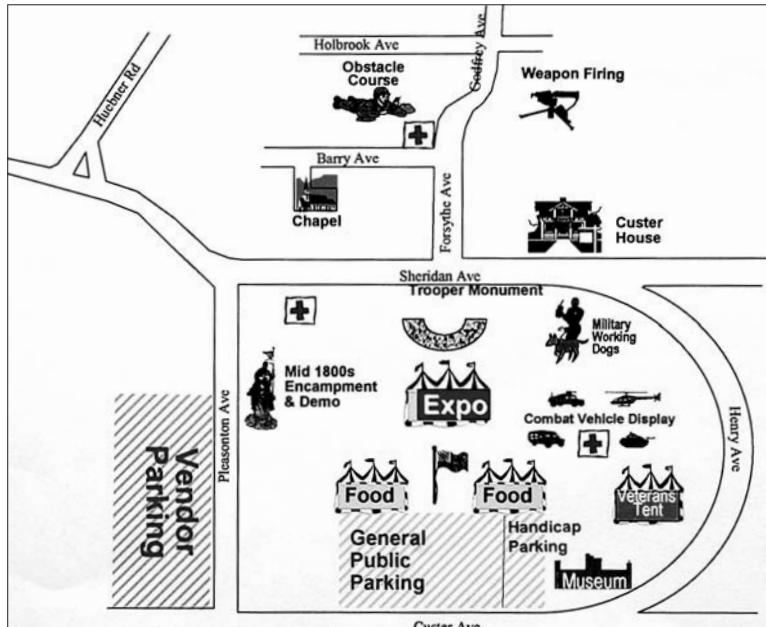
Columbus:

Hot Air Balloon Regatta – Enjoy being up close to 20 hot air balloons, balloon glow and three races, weather permitting; evening glow Oct. 8, dawn and 5 p.m. Oct. 9 and 10; U.S. Highway 69 and Merl Evans Drive, Industrial Park.

For more information, call (620) 429-1492 or visit www.columbus-ks.com on the Web.

Columbus Day Festival – 1880s square with arts and craft fair, antique appraisal fair, car show, quilt show and entertainment; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 9; downtown square.

For more information, call (620) 429-1492 or visit www.columbus-ks.com on the Web.



Public invited to open house

Historical society's apple pies sweeten day's activities

By Jamie Bender

Staff writer

Fort Riley's Open House and Apple Day observance Oct. 2 will open the post to visitors and Soldiers alike. Demonstrations, displays and tours of the post are designed to inform and educate visitors about life in the Army, past and present.

Members of the public attending the event must remember that access to the post requires identification.

When entering the post, every-

one over the age of 10 must show photo identification, said David Hubbard, Fort Riley's chief of physical security.

"When entering the post, drivers need to have their driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance," he added.

Routine random searches at the gate are conducted on a regular basis and will still be made during the Open House.

"If the vehicle is searched, they (occupants) will be asked to open their hood and trunk," Hubbard said.

Activities for Open House and

Apple Day are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Post.

At 10:30 a.m., the Global War on Terrorism Memorial will be dedicated during a ceremony in front of the U.S. Cavalry Museum. Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, is scheduled to speak at the ceremony.

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will present demonstrations of horsemanship and saber drills at noon and 2 p.m. at the Cavalry Parade Field. They will also display an 1800's

cavalry encampment with authentic tents, equipment and uniforms.

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will be selling slices of apple pie from Side B of the Custer House Museum. Proceeds from the sale are used to support academic scholarships.

Static equipment displays, an Expo Tent with information about many post organizations and activities, food booths, an obstacle course to challenge youngsters and a firing range to let people shoot weapons using blank ammunition are also planned.

KSU begins theatre, dance program season

KSU

The Kansas State University theatre and dance programs have begun another season of comedy, drama, musical theatre, opera and dance.

This year's season opened with the highly acclaimed drama "Because He Can" by award-winning playwright Arthur Kopit.

"Because He Can" ends its local run Oct. 2 in Nichols Theatre.

The second production of the season is the hip 1950s musical "Grease." "Grease" will perform at McCain Auditorium on the university campus at 8 p.m. Nov. 18-20 and at 3 p.m. Nov. 21.

In December, the KSU dance program presents an exciting mix of modern, jazz and ballet performances on the Nichols stage. The performances are 8 p.m. Dec. 2-4 with a special matinee at 2 p.m. Dec. 4.

The second part of the season begins in February with the romantic comedy "The Shape of Things." This contemporary romantic comedy runs Feb. 10-12 and Feb. 16-19 in Nichols Theatre.

KSU Opera Theatre offers a production of the acclaimed

American opera "Street Scene" performed in McCain Auditorium March 3-5. The opera is a brutal but hauntingly beautiful depiction of 24 hours in the life of a New York neighborhood that threatens to boil over at any moment.

Early April brings another KSU dance program performance, but this time on the McCain Auditorium stage.

Audiences will view the talents of the students, faculty and guest artists in dance, but this time in a larger venue. Performances are 8 p.m. April 8 and 9.

The final production of the season is the highly acclaimed comedy "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by Oscar and Tony award-winning playwright Tom Stoppard. It will be performed in Nichols Theatre at 8 p.m. April 21-23 and April 27-30.

Tickets to all productions are available at the McCain Box Office at 532-6428. Single tickets range from \$7 to \$13.

Season tickets offer a discount of 20%. Group discounts are available. For a season brochure please call the main office at 532-6875.

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